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## THIS WEEK

## Philosophy Club to host an open forum

The Philosophy Club will host a forum entitled "Technology and privacy: encroachments to privacy in technological world" at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Speakers will be Fred Lamer and Daniel Smith from Northwest and James Okapal from Missouri Western State University.

## CALENDAR

## Friday

Missouri Undergraduate Psychology Convention

"The Ash Girl" opens 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center

Volleyball MIAA tournament

## Saturday

Computer Science/Information Systems Student Visit Day

International Student Association Dinner

"The Ash Girl" 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center.

## Sunday

French movie: "Cyrano de Bergerac," 6 p.m., Wells Hall 141

## INSIDE



## NW Football

The Bearcats gear up to face Missouri Southern at home at 1 p.m. Saturday.

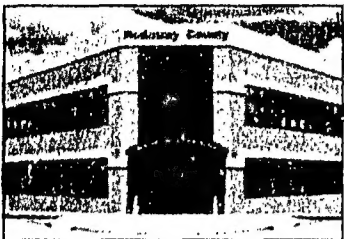
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## Mel's winning ways

MelTjeerdsmas approaches his 200th win while leading the Bearcats.

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## New Buildings

New Administration building to built in Nodaway County.

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## CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 1 issue of the Missourian, the caption underneath the photo for the story "Faculty has first tenant" was incorrect. The photo depicted President Dean Hubbard and Carbolytic Materials Co. (LLC) CEO Raymond Riek shaking hands after signing a memorandum of understanding that secured CMC as the Center of Excellence's first tenant.

Also from the Nov. 1 issue, the correct date for "Family Guy" producer/voice actor Mike Henry's campus lecture is Thursday, Nov. 15.

"Band raises funds for travel," an article in the Oct. 25 Missourian, should have printed the cost per person for band students to travel to London this winter as \$2,200.

## WEB EXCLUSIVES

Check for a video package and story covering the annual ladybug "invasion" on the Northwest campus.

Look for live audio/video slideshows featuring Maryville's war veterans.

Visit us online to see more photos of Northwest's football fanatics, the Shirtsless Bearcats.

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The Northwest Missourian is holding a contest for all NWmissourianews.com subscribers. Log on and register to receive breaking news e-mails. One name will be drawn to receive a free iPod on Friday.

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## CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

## Forums introduce students, faculty to director candidates

By Lindsay Jacobs  
University News Editor

The search for a new Campus Activities director is coming to an end.

Forums were held Tuesday and Wednesday to allow Northwest students, faculty and staff to meet the candidates and have their questions answered.

On Tuesday, Interim Campus Activities Director Angel McAdams Prescott, and presented the goals she has if she gets the position and answered student, faculty and staff questions. At the end of the forum she asked those in attendance how they see the Campus Activities Office now and how they would like to see it run.

Wednesday, Bobbie Delaney took her turn

answering student, faculty and staff.

McAdams Prescott is a Northwest Graduate and during her time as a student she was active.

After graduation McAdams Prescott got a job at the University of Arkansas where she was the first student activities director. From there she moved to Pittsburg State University where she got a job in stu-

Angel McAdams Prescott  
Candidate, Campus Activities DirectorBobbie Delaney  
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Delaney received her bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University in individual

dent activities and started seeking her master's degree in communication with an emphasis in organizational development.

While there she found similarities in Pitt State and Northwest.

"In some ways it was like coming home," McAdams Prescott said.

studies and her master's degree from Grand Valley State University.

Delaney has worked at Iowa State University as a residence hall director and is currently a residence hall director at Missouri Western State University.

If she gets the job, McAdams Prescott said she is looking forward to advance the Encore Series and Distinguished Lecture Series and looking forward to supervising and mentoring the staff in the Campus Activities Office.

McAdams Prescott told those in attendance she is wanting to get more student feedback with the Encore Series as well as reconstructing the selection committee to involve the campus

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## MEMORIES OF SERVICE

## Veteran remembers his volunteer efforts in China

By Dominic Genetti  
Community News Editor

His face has aged, his hair gone white, but through his bright blue eyes, George Gayler has seen the world.

A veteran of World War II, Gayler served in China with the United States Air Force delivering and picking up everything from supplies to soldiers.

Despite everything occurring over 60 years ago, the things he experienced are still fresh in his mind.

"I got there in November of '43 and got back December of '45," Gayler said.

While many were drafted into the war, Gayler volunteered after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Call it patriotism I guess," he said. "I wanted to be in the Air Force."

A student at Western Illinois in Macomb, Ill., Gayler was dating the woman who eventually became his wife when he considered joining the military.

"We met the week I was at school," Barbara Gayler said. "I was wanting a date for prom. I found out afterward he was very interested in music, but it had never reached his feet."

After enlisting, George left Macomb and was sent to San Antonio, Texas for cadet training.

"It was a new experience," George said. "I didn't like it at all."

Traveling all across the Lone Star State for training, George spent time at a base near Amarillo, Texas to be a flight instructor.

"No experience of being a flight instructor, but I managed," he said.

Eventually, George got word he was going overseas, the notice came just three months after his marriage to Barbara.

"You knew that was going to happen," Barbara said. "It was happening to all fellows of that age who were in service."

As for George, he had no idea where he was going.

"I took a train from Chicago to Newport News, Va. and from there, we got on a boat and went across the Atlantic," George said.

"My guess was Italy, boy was I wrong."



George and his fellow troops traveled all over Europe before arriving in India.

"When we landed at Bombay, we got on a train immediately," he said. "Very interesting experience all the way across India."

Ending their travels at a U.S. base in western China, George and the flyboys were able to get to work.

"The troop carrier squadron I was in, the job was to carry anything that needed to be flown," George said. "They flew mules, ammunition, gasoline, food, mainly rice, troops."

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photo by Jeremiah Wall  
staff photographer

## WORLD WAR

II veteran

George Gayler

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## CIRCUIT COURT

## Espey wants lawsuit against him dismissed

By Sean Comer  
Politics/Courts Reporter

Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey and a Conception Junction man both await a ruling deciding a sex offender registration controversy.

Attorney Robert Sundell petitioned circuit court judge Roger Prokes Oct. 15 to rule that Johnny R. Rich, of Conception Junction, does not have to register as a sex offender in the state of Missouri. The action names Espey as defendant in his capacity as Nodaway County Sheriff.

Upon Rich's relocation to Conception Junction from Florida in 1995, Espey informed him the law required him to register as a sex offender based on a May 1992 no contest plea to attempted sexual battery in Orange County, Fla.

Rich was prosecuted in 2004 for failing to register, as admitted in Sundell's petition. The State dismissed the case based on Rich's defense arguing that the Florida charges did not require registration under Missouri law. In addition, Missouri does not require sex offenders convicted before Jan. 1, 1995, to register with the state.

Nodaway County prosecutor David Baird filed a motion Oct. 24 on behalf of Espey to dismiss Sundell's petition.

Baird's motion states that Espey has only followed the instructions given by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, which maintains the Missouri Sex Offender Registry.

Baird's petition further stated that Rich "has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted."

Missouri State Highway Patrol lieutenant Edward Aylward quoted Missouri Revised Statute 589.400 as declaring that a registered sex offender in any state — regardless of the offense's status under Missouri law — would require the offender to register.

Rich has since been advised by the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department that he can be arrested for failure to register, according to Sundell's petition.

Sundell had not returned phone calls for comment as of press time.

Neither Espey nor Baird were at liberty to comment on the respective actions.

Prokes has not stated whether the petition will be dismissed or when he will make a ruling.

Ben Espey  
Sheriff

## CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

## Two companies sign on as facility's first occupants

By Evan Young  
Managing Editor

After three years with no genuine occupant for the Center of Excellence, Northwest, within the course of one week, has officially booked two companies for the facility's business incubator.

The University signed a memorandum of understanding with Carbolytic Materials, Co. (LLC) of St. Louis on Oct. 25. It signed a similar agreement Nov. 2 with a second company.

For competitive reasons, the second company's name and specific business field remains confidential. However, it should begin operating out of the Center by late 2008, Northwest President Dean Hubbard.

The Center's second tenant had reasons similar to CMC for wanting to operate out of

northwest Missouri, Nodaway County Economic Developer Lee Langerock said.

"We just have a lot to offer. That was the draw," Langerock said. "The principal draw for this company was the experience the professional staff has to offer, the chance to work with students and the connection with the community."

Combined, the two companies will bring in about 25 new jobs with average salaries of \$30,000 to \$35,000 to the community, plus other high-

## Aug. 28, 2007

Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative, passed in May as part of Senate Bill 389, takes effect. Northwest received \$7 million Oct. 15, the first installment of its \$24.4 million in state funds.

## Oct. 25, 2007

Carbolytic Materials Co. (LLC) signs an MOU with the University to occupy the Center of Excellence's business incubator.

## Nov. 2, 2007

A second, unnamed company signs an MOU with Northwest to occupy the Center, set to begin operating out of the facility by late 2008.

er-paying administrative positions, Hubbard said.

CMC specializes in manufacturing ApexCM from shredded tires. ApexCM is a substance that makes tires black and reinforces them and other rubber and plastic products.

The substance can be used as an alternative to the less environmentally friendly carbon black, which is produced by the incomplete combustion of oil and natural gas.

CMC also uses its technology to recover and recycle the "ingredients"

of rubber products — including oil, gas and ApexCM.

Once known as the Center of Excellence for Plant Biologics, the facility lost previous prospective tenants Ventria Bioscience and Edenspace Systems Corp. over the past two years, partially because of funding uncertainties.

More than \$24 million in state money will fund the building's construction and completion through Gov. Matt Blunt's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative. Northwest received the first installment of these funds three weeks ago and will receive the remainder over the next five years.

Phase I of construction, exterior design, is complete, and the next phase, interior design, is underway, University officials said.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

## University choirs scheduled to host joint performance

The Madraliers and the University Choral will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, in the Performing Arts Center. Assistant Music Professor Brian Lanier will direct both groups. Admission to the performance is free.

## Symphony to perform next week

The Northwest Wind Symphony is scheduled to perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, in the Charles Johnson Theater. The event is free and open to the public. At 4 p.m. Nov. 16, the wind symphony is invited to perform for the Nebraska Music Educators Association at Lied Center.

## Board of Regents president elected

Regent Bill Loch was elected to serve two years as the Northwest Board of Regents.

Loch replaces Regent Rita Hanks. Loch was appointed to the Board by Gov. Matt Blunt in April 2006 for a five-year term.

Regent Don Schneider was also elected to serve two years as vice president of the board, replacing Regent Rolfe Stadlman.

## Students can learn about Study Abroad

A Study Abroad Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Jones Student Union second floor hallway.

There will be a study abroad question and answer session at 4 p.m. Thursday in the International and Inter-cultural Living Room in the Student Union. The Q-and-A session will be with the Study Abroad alumni. The deadline for Summer and Fall 2008 study abroad is Jan. 29, 2008, and the deadline for all other programs is March 10, 2008.

## Northwest Dance Company Fall Show

The Northwest Dance Company Fall Show will be held at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 16 in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

CONSTRUCTION

## Campus to build \$6 million worth of facilities

By Shane Sherwood  
Chief Reporter

New buildings will soon house many different services around campus. The first to find a new home is the shops building.

The Board of Regents approved \$6 million to be used over seven years to help construct new buildings for different campus services. These include Environmental Services, Campus Safety and Purchasing.

The \$6 million will be taken from the maintenance and repair budget starting with the 2006-2007 budget and ending with the 2012-2013 budget.

The University hopes to have these buildings finished within four

years, Finance and Support Services Vice President Ray Courter said.

During the past several years, a planning team consisting of staff, administrators and architects have been designing a series of projects, which would replace outdated and poorly designed office and storage areas, Courter said.

The new buildings will be located around the Materials Distribution Center.

Services currently using these buildings include shops, grounds, transportation and storage compartments that were recently located in the V&K Building, lower level.

Everything must be moved out of the lower level of V&K for the classrooms to be built, Environmental

Services Associate Director Dave DuVall said.

Goals for the project include a new transportation maintenance building, a new fueling station, new shops building that includes storage facilities, a new building for Campus Safety, a new addition to the Materials Distribution Center to accommodate the Mail and Copy Center and new parking for rental vehicles.

Construction should begin by Summer 2008 on a new shops class building, Courter said.

"The inside of the shops building will be helped by shop students," DuVall said. "Our philosophy is it's your home you help build it."

The current shops building cannot be painted because of the materials it

is constructed out of and the edges of the entrances rust, Courter said.

The bathrooms in the building will be built with solid construction material to help in case of weather and emergencies, DuVall said.

The transportation building will start construction in Fall 2009, Courter said.

The building must be constructed with heavy concrete. A set of above ground fuel tanks must accompany the building. Roads must be built to accompany access to the acquired areas and access into the area for the new buildings.

Funding started from the 2006-2007 budget. It will be used from the maintenance and repair budget, Courter said.

PERSONALITY PROFILES

## True teaching values show no age



COMMUNICATION, THEATER and Language Department Chair Theo Ross (above) began teaching at Northwest in 1978, while this is Instructor Merck Decker's (below) second year in the department.

## 2 professors, years apart are more similar than expected

By Kelsi Jo Franklin  
Missourian Reporter

Twenty-eight years of experience separate Northwest Communication, Theater and Language professors Theo Ross and Merck Decker.

However, their outlooks and perspectives on their careers are remarkably similar, despite the fact Ross was giving lectures before Decker was born.

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it bigger and better kind of spirit."

This spirit has kept growing throughout the years with additions of many clubs and organizations and increased enrollment, Ross said.

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The Forensics Team is always welcoming new members, said Decker.

Both Decker and Ross agreed the atmosphere around campus is very friendly. They both also wanted to spend more time with their students.

There is great frustration when a class discussion has to be cut short or a one-on-one meeting with a student has to be postponed because of lack of time, Decker said.

Both professors' concerns and focus were centered on the students and what is best for them.

"Everything I do is for the students," Decker said. "If it weren't for them I wouldn't be as happy as I am."

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

## SAC presents first speaker of the year

Voice of 'Family Guy,' Mike Henry to speak, followed by autograph session

By Lisa Houtchens  
Missourian Reporter

The voice may sound vaguely familiar.

Mike Henry, voice of many characters on the hit series "Family Guy," will present the first Student Activities Council lecture of the year.

The lecture will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, in the Charles Johnson Theater.

Henry has been working on "Family Guy" since 1999. He vocalizes the characters of Cleveland, Herbert, and others, according to Greater Talent Network, a celebrity speakers bureau.

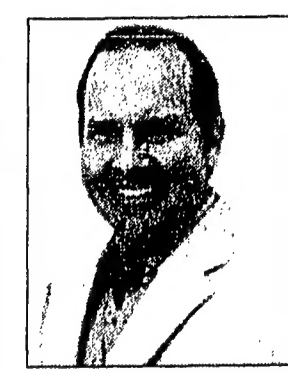
Wesley Miller, SAC Lecture chairman contacted the Greater Talent Network and worked out an agreement for Henry to speak at the University, Miller said.

Henry's agent, Jessica Fee, gave a list of names of possible speakers, which were on the venue.

"One of the names she (the agent) did give me was Mike Henry," Miller said. "There are a lot of people interested in 'Family Guy.'"

SAC President Kelli Farris knows the popularity of "Family Guy" and the crowd that will be drawn in.

"'Family Guy' is a very popular name and a very popular



Mike Henry

show now ... being tied to 'Family Guy' will help," Farris said.

The series has been around since 1999 on FOX. It is a popular show that has been around for a while, according to the Greater Talent Network.

Farris makes sure there are no over bookings with other SAC events or other campus events. Farris doesn't

get too involved in the actual planning of the events.

"They (chair members) run the show ... they need the experience," Farris said.

Looking at the budget SAC decided they could afford to host Henry. An agreement was signed and the Charles Johnson Theater was booked, Miller said.

There is a lot of work that goes into planning these events. They start booking acts through SAC for the lectures during the summer by looking at the names, Miller said.

The event is open to all the community and Northwest students.

Audience members are welcome to bring any memorabilia to have autographed and photos will be allowed.

PHILANTHROPY

## Up 'til Dawn surpasses expected participation

By Netta Hall  
Missourian Reporter

Staying up all night -- college students do it all the time; whether it's for studying or partying, it happens.

Over 100 Northwest students stayed up late Wednesday night for another reason: to help in the fight against childhood cancer.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's Up 'til Dawn All Team Meeting was held Wednesday night.

Up 'til Dawn is a nationwide collegiate program that raises awareness and money for St. Jude's, according to its Web site.

St. Jude's is the largest pediatric cancer research hospital in the world, unique in the fact that families are never charged for their treatments and the research is shared with the medical community around the world. Since St. Jude's opening in 1962, the cure rate for the most common form of cancer has increased from 4 percent to over 90 percent, according to St. Jude's Web site.

With all the free treatments and expensive research, it costs more than \$1.3 million per day to run St. Jude's, according to its Web site. Students across the nation are taking an active part in raising funds to help offset these costs.

Teams consisting of six people

work together to raise funds. Up 'til Dawn Executive Director Jenny Harrison said. Each member had to get 50 addresses of people and fill out a "50 Names Fast" sheet, she said.

The teams stayed up late Wednesday night, writing letters to the people asking for their support and donations to St. Jude. Up 'til Dawn Assistant Director Amanda Davis said. Up 'til Dawn pays for the postage of the letters, she said.

"This year, our lofty goal for the number of teams was 75. We were blown away when we realized we had 103 teams of six people," Up 'til Dawn Entertainment Director Kayla Scott said.

None of the surrounding schools have as much participation as Northwest, Scott said.

"We are extremely excited that so many people are participating in Up 'til Dawn," Harrison said. "Ten percent of our campus is taking an active part."

Jenny Harrison, Up 'til Dawn Executive Director

The top-raising school for last year's Up 'til Dawn only had 9 percent of student participation, Harrison said.

The All Team Meeting is the biggest fund-raiser for Up 'til Dawn, Davis said.

"It's basically a giant late night party. Entertainment, fun, and a little work -- all for a great cause," Harrison said.

"Typically they'll congregate towards areas of light color, commonly you'll find them on limestone cliffs," Jones said.

Ladybugs have been seen

# COMMUNITY

FARM CITY

## Business honors farming families in award banquet

By Jessie Voyles  
Missourian Reporter

American agricultural families of Missouri will be honored throughout the community at the 47th Annual Farm-City Banquet, Nov. 12.

The banquet will be held at the Student Union Ballroom at Northwest and will have a guest speaker, an award ceremony and a silent auction to represent the significance of agricultural families.

Guest speaker Eric Chamberlain, (project manager of Wind Farm Operations) will explain how farmers can benefit from new cash group by wind energy production as local farmers are awarded for their innovative ideas and contributions.

"We will be recognizing Missouri farms ... This is a chance for business to recognize the agriculture community"

Lisa Luke, Chamber of Commerce member

view agriculture. We have been fortunate in this county to have people to look forward and 'out of the box' on how to do production and different ways to do it and keeping erosion at a minimum," extension council recognition committee member Bob Westfall said.

This year two members will be inducted, one deceased and one living. "The nominations are open year round, anyone can nominate someone who was a positive affect or role on agriculture. We have had veterans in the past along with producers and grain farmers as well as cattle farmers," Westfall said.

"Two participants will be awarded this year. One of the two winners cannot be revealed due to ceremony procedure but the late Robert Alexander of Hopkins will be recognized," Westfall said.

Tickets for the banquet are \$15 and are available at Bank Midwest, Bank and Trust, Nodaway Valley Bank and the Chamber of Commerce Office.

"Awards will be given to an outstanding farm family, woman,

and here at the courthouse," said Stiens.

The building has space available for a 9-1-1 call center and offices for the sheriff's department whose offices are currently crowded at the county jail.

Funding for the building comes from money the county has saved, taxes and the sale of the Nodaway County farm. The county has about \$1.6 million available currently, including funds from selling the county farm.

"This year we sold the county farm for some more funds because we didn't think the farm was something we needed at this time," Westfall said.

The county explored using the old Wal-Mart building on South Main before beginning construction on the new administration building.

County Assessor Rex Wallace rallied for moving to the old Wal-Mart building because of cost and parking. There is no parking available near the new building Wallace said.

"It is definitely going to give us some more space," Wallace said. "The sad thing is and what I've argued the whole time is No. 1 the cost factor."

The projected cost for the new administration building is more than five million dollars.

"Every tax payer in the county is going to a small share, and it's a

good people that have good religion or good faith.

Rena: I think (morality) play some role.

I know I would base my opinion on who represents what I believe. I also think people just aren't as educated now as what they were before and they don't know who the candidates are, so they just pick a name rather than a person and what they believe in.

Why younger voters don't vote ... Rena: I think a lot of people our age, especially in the early 20s, they don't really vote because they don't think it'll make a difference. You hear

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OUR VIEW

# Accountability important for all media members

Although this editorial usually deals with what goes on at Northwest or in the Maryville community, this week the Northwest Missourian just can't ignore the Northwest Missouri Western State University.

Over week ago the *Griffin News*, Missouri Western's campus newspaper, ran a staff editorial titled "Have some respect, this isn't High School."

The editorial addressed a number of issues, from vandalism in the Student Union, to a scuffle that broke out at a recent convocation. All of these acts according to the editorial are "reportedly coming from one minority."

Obviously the paper set off racial tensions with this blatant profiling, and a week ago the *St. Joseph News-Press* ran an article on how students responded at the following NAACP's meeting.

While the newspaper might have had good intentions by calling out the students' disrespect of their university's campus — proving your point through racial profiling is never acceptable.

This is definitely not the first, or the last, time a college newspaper gave college media a bad reputation.

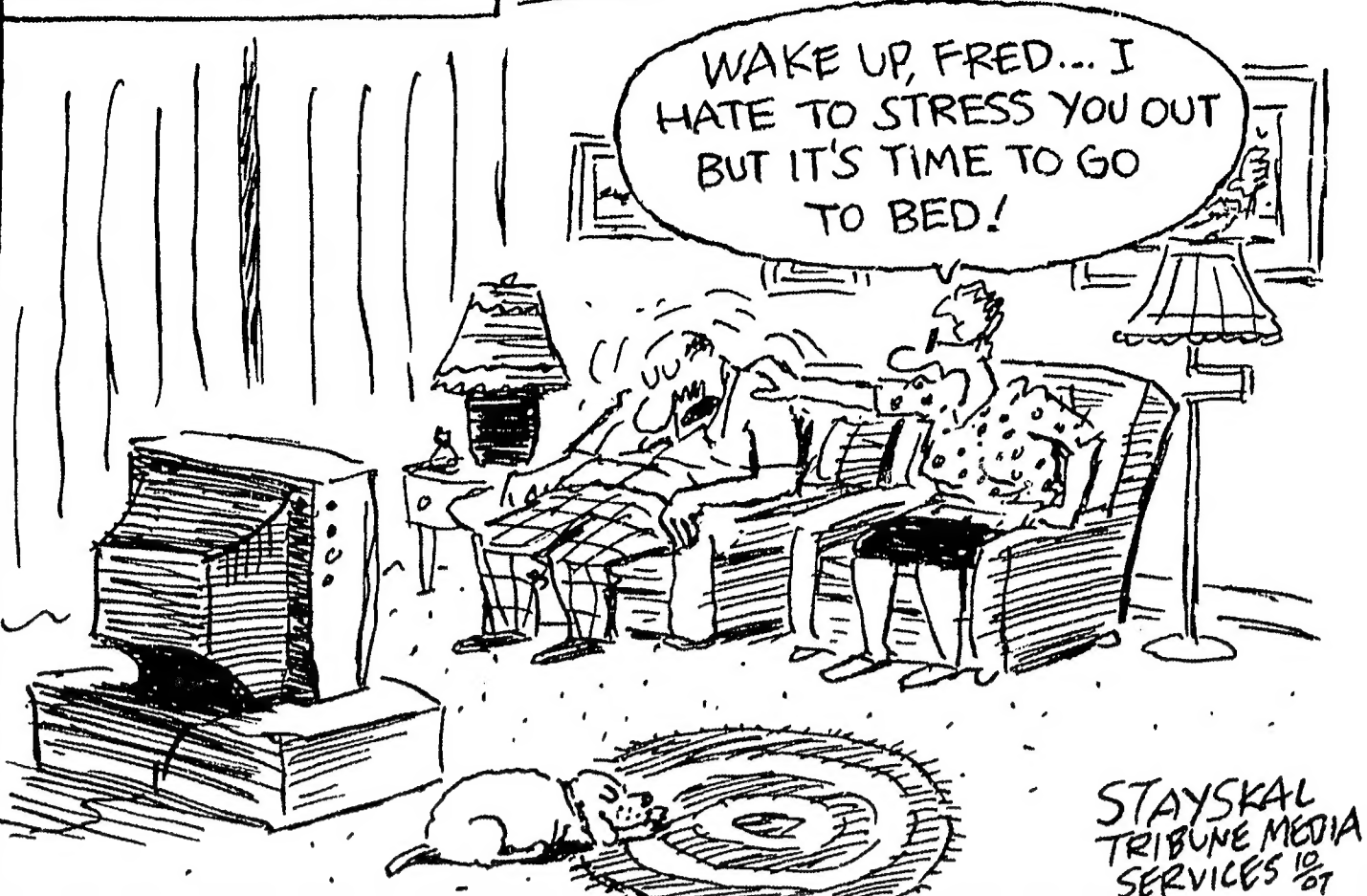
In September Colorado State University's newspaper, *Rocky Mountain Collegian*, grabbed national headlines with a headline that included a four-letter word after the Taser incident at Florida State University.

Sensationalism sells, but is that really what you're after?

Honest, hard working journalists are needed now more than ever. In a world where mega media corporations are allowed to own more and more news outlets, where the "media" are under constant attack and where more people care more about celebrity news than politics, it is important for journalists to do their job.

It shouldn't make a difference if you're writing an editorial for the opinion page, or if you're writing a news story for the front, accountability is always necessary.

## 48% OF AMERICANS SAY THEY CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT BECAUSE OF STRESS



MY VIEW

## Spreading rumors in times of crisis does no good

By this time, we all know about the gun-fire incident that took place on campus over homecoming weekend.

We now know that shots were fired somewhere near the High Rise Dormitories and the Station and that nobody was injured.

With all the facts of the incident in mind, most of us are turning our attention to the handling of the event — from the initial shot until the investigation of the suspects.

Perhaps a bigger cause for concern, other than the crime itself, is the way people both on and off campus initially handled the situation.



Sarah York and Jeff Kanger  
Contributing Columnists

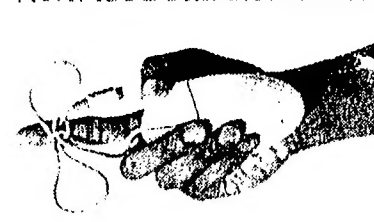
It is human nature for groups of people to collectively overreact to stressful situations, but we still need to be rational in times of crisis, regardless of how small. We heard rumors of dead bodies and shooting spears, when all that happened was a couple of shots fired with no reported injury. The lesson here — get the facts before you panic. Nothing makes a dangerous situation even more dangerous like rational people losing their heads. Anyone on campus at the time of

the incident knows that Campus Safety and school officials took the occurrence very seriously — and rightfully so, considering the grave importance of campus safety in the wake of tragedies like the Virginia Tech massacre.

We have heard people criticize the school for locking down campus facilities, including residence halls, because they felt inconvenienced by the whole procedure. Criticizing campus officials for being thorough in the interest of student safety makes almost as much sense as running up and down Fourth Street screaming about a crazed gunman on campus. The bottom line is that the situation was handled rather poorly by some students, but very well by Campus Safety.

Though we certainly hope that the school will ever happen again, we also hope that people can maintain their composure, act like rational adults and allow school officials to do their jobs, whether it creates an inconvenience for us or not.

## COMMENTS FROM NWMISSOURIANNEWS.COM



In response to "Your man hates ignorance" WM posted 11/1

I personally feel that you are the most immature person, and the worst writer I know. How can someone with such strong opinions be so dumb? It amazes me how you think it is right to constantly bash and demoralize great organizations such as SAC, or our PRESIDENT of our University... Dr. Hubbard... I definitely feel that your immaturity is the key word of IGNORANCE. Grow up! We are in college, not sixth grade.

### Amused Alumni posted 11/3

Hey guess what, WM, you are exactly the type of person he is writing about in the article. I would like to thank you on Your Man's behalf for proving his point. Thank you and have a nice day!

### Are you serious? posted 11/3

Do you think your funny? Your articles are a complete waste of space and I honestly think a couple brain cells die everytime I read one of yours. I do enjoy reading all of the comments about how bad you suck though. I don't know why a newspaper with such a good reputation would print your crap. It's not a matter of ignorance, your stuff is just stupid and completely immature. I agree with WM, grow up.

### Amused Student posted 11/3

I haven't been at Northwest for that long, but I always thought the point of the stroller was to be make fun of things. I happen to think it's friggin' hilarious, and one of the reasons half of my floor reads the paper any way. Keep going with the immaturity. A little humor in life keeps people grounded.

I agree with Amused Alumni that WM looks like a moron arguing with Your Man about the exact thing he is picking fun at. Do you even read the stroller? Stop getting so worked up about a little bit of bad language. Seriously, there are more important things going on to worry about than a campus newspaper. If this is what you do in your spare time? Comment on line on student stories?

I also love reading the comments. People get so worked up over a piece of humor writing. Nice job Man.

### Another Amused Alumni posted 11/6

As a former student of Northwest (91) would just like to point out that the stroller has always been a satire piece. It's amusing to see, as others have stated above, that people think this is the first time the stroller has been under attack. From my experience reading the paper, the stroller's one and only job is to stir the pot and (maybe) get some laughs along the way. All you have to do is look at the "recently commented" and see that obviously it's working. Good work.

## Graduates buried by debt

By Patricia Alex  
The Record (MCT)

It's no small thing to make it to the top of one of the U.S. News and World Reports' college lists. But the folks at Seton Hall University, aren't exactly celebrating their No. 1 national ranking for student-loan debt.

Sixty-one percent of students graduating from the South Orange, N.J., campus have to pay back student loans — the average totaling \$37,724, according to America's Best Colleges 2008. The numbers are high but they are not an aberration. Nationally, nearly two-thirds of graduates of four-year schools have debt, according to the Project on Student Debt. That debt load averages \$20,000.

New federal measures are expected to ease some of the burden going forward. But, for now, student debt — which is estimated to have more than doubled in the last decade — has a stronghold on many students and families.

"I'll be paying it off for at least 10 years," said Andrea Antwi, who quickly ran up \$20,000 in debt during her freshman year at Seton Hall. She ultimately decided on a less-expensive route, attending Essex County College and now Rutgers University, where she is a junior. Still, she will graduate with at least \$35,000 in loans to repay.

"When you're a senior in high school, these kinds of things don't enter your mind," said Antwi, who hopes to follow her parents into a career in nursing. "But it's crazy. It's depressing."

Experts warn that the burden is weighing heavily on a generation who may make a host of life-altering decisions — such as career choices and home ownership — based on a large debt acquired at a young age. They say the debt problem may even be greater than reported since the numbers take into account only specified student loans, excluding other borrowing such as a parent who may have tapped a home equity loan to pay for college.

The averages are bad enough, but the extremes are downright scary. There are stories of students

graduating with six-figure debt and looking at payments well into middle age.

Debt numbers for New Jersey students are a bit above the national average and, paradoxically, students at some of the state's most expensive schools have the least debt. That's because schools such as Princeton and Drew universities, which cost more than \$40,000 for students who live on campus, have large endowments that allow the institutions to supplement tuition for middle-class and lower-income students.

Princeton, for instance, has an endowment approaching a staggering \$15 billion. Princeton students, on average, graduate with the lowest debt load in the nation, according to the U.S. News survey. About 26 percent of Princeton graduates carry student-loan debt, averaging \$4,965.

Tom White, a spokesman for Seton Hall, said the university and other Catholic schools don't have a history of amassing large endowments.

"Fund-raising for scholarships is newer to Catholic schools — we never saw ourselves as a charity," White said. "The debt load is high, we can't dispute that." But he said efforts are under way to address the issue. "We're just finishing a \$150 million fund-raiser and \$24 million will be endowed for scholarships."

Tuition at Seton Hall is more than \$27,000 and living expenses add \$10,000 to the tab. Part of the cost issue has to do with being located in an expensive part of the country, said White.

"We're not making excuses, just trying to put it in context," he added.

Another area school, New York University, comes in a close second on the U.S. News list, with 61 percent of graduates carrying debt, averaging \$34,417.

Advocates are hoping the new federal college cost reduction act will help rein in indebtedness. Interest rates will be federally subsidized student loans will be cut in half over the next four years and opportunities are available for loan forgiveness for those who go into some public service jobs under the new legislation.

## BLOTTER

Oct. 19 Preston J. McNeel, 18, Maryville, MO; 1400 E. Third

Oct. 23 Fire call, structure fire, 700 W. Torrance

Oct. 26 Clayton L. Adams, 18, Maryville, MO; 700 N. Walnut

Clayton G. Goss, 19, Traynor, Iowa, MO; 889 N. Walnut

Oct. 27 Travis K. Ury, 19, Ridgeway, MO; 300 W. Sixth

Dale A. Danielski, 23, Blockton, Iowa, DWI, improper registration, operating a motor vehicle with an open container, 100 S. Buchanan

John H. Phan, 19, Kansas City, Mo., MO; 200 S. Main

Matthew C. Carver, 21, Maryville, MO; resisting/interfering with arrest, failure to comply, obstructing a PSO, 300 E. Third

Marcie J. Moore, 18, Maryville, MO; 500 W. Eighth

Oct. 28 Sarah C. Fowler, 20, Maryville, MO; Suzanne M. Schuckman, 23, Lee Summit, supplying alcohol to a minor; Erica L. Pirle, 18, Maryville, MO; Jacob J. Smith, 20, Plattsmouth, ND; MO; 500 W. Ninth

Larry W. Jones, Jr., 20, Maryville, MO; trespass and waste, MO; obstructing a PSO, indecent exposure, failure to comply 400 S. Buchanan

Leaving the scene, ongoing investigation, 500 N. Market

Oct. 30 Austin L. Dubrinski, 18, Green Castle, careless and imprudent driving, leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident

Oct. 31 Jacob P. Rockey, 20, Maryville, MO; peace disturbance, 1000 N. Devery

ACCIDENTS

Oct. 28 An unknown driver collided with a vehicle owned by Amber R. Kunkel, Parnell, on the 1600 block of South Main.

Oct. 29 Debra S. Brown, 52, Hopkins, was involved in an accident at the intersection of North Devery and East Seventh.

Oct. 30 Marsha S. Schmitz, 21, Maryville, MO; collided with Ronald F. Neurez, 41, Maryville, at the intersection of South Market and East Jenkins when Schmitz failed to stop at a posted sign.

An unknown driver collided with a vehicle owned by Kenneth W. Bray, Maryville, on the 500 block of North Vine Street.

Oct. 31 An unknown driver collided with a vehicle owned by Thomas D. Rasmussen, Pleasant, Iowa, on the 1000 block of North Devery

Nov. 1 Barbara J. Frank, 99, Maryville, MO; collided with Earl J. Howard, 74, Maryville, at the intersection of U.S. Business Highway 71 and South Avenue when Howard failed to yield to oncoming traffic.

Nov. 3 Chantel D. Davis, 17, Maryville, MO; collided with Eric D. Redden, 20, Standberry, at the intersection of U.S. Business Highway 71 and East First.

BIRTHS

Ava Renee-Marie Miles, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, was born Oct. 30, 2007, at St. Francis Hospital. She is the daughter of Bridget Staehelin and John Miles II.

Her maternal grandparents are Robert and Susan Staehelin of Maryville, and her paternal grandparents are John and Victoria Miles of Kansas City.

Funeral services were Oct. 28 at the Danforth Funeral Home, with Pastor J.D. Dirks officiating. Burial was at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Manti, Mo.

Memorial donations may be made in care of the family for the charity of his choice. Online condolences and tributes may be left by visiting Danforthfuneralhome.com.

Elaine Mary Tobin, 75, of Maryville, died Oct. 24, 2007, at Village Care Center in Maryville.

She was born Feb. 29, 1932, in Easton, the daughter of Dennis and Pearl (Sayko) Connor. She graduated from Gower High School in Gower in 1950 and earned a Bachelor's degree in St. Joseph.

Elaine married Philip Edward Tobin on Sept. 3, 1956, in St. Joseph.

For more than 25 years Elaine was a bookkeeper for Eadsen Family Center in Maryville. She was a member of St. Gregory Barbarigo Catholic Church, St. Gregory's Guild and the Legion of Mary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, St. Gregory Barbarigo Catholic Church in Maryville. Memorial services were held Oct. 31 at St. Gregory Barbarigo Catholic Church in Maryville. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Maryville. The Memorial Fund is St. Gregory's Catholic Church in Maryville.

Paul Edward Fisher, 80, of Maryville, died Oct. 17, 2007, at Village Care Center, Inc. in Maryville.

He was born April 26, 1927, in Maryville to Carl Fisher and Nettie (Smock) Fisher. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He married Mary Ann Fisher on Nov. 9, 1972, in Maryville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann Fisher on Sept. 2, 2003, his parents, Carl Boy and Nettie Mae Fisher; brothers Curtis Fisher and George Fisher and sister Beverly Lawless.

He is survived by stepchildren: Clarence Ivole of St. Joseph, Ronald Lavonne Beason of Maryville, Robert Ora Boeson, Randy Gene Beason and Mary Kathleen Dykstra, all of Kansas City; twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was buried in the Skidmore Masonic Cemetery on Oct. 25, 2007.

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MY VIEW

## Pakistan's future depends on Bush's choices in counterterrorism

On Saturday, Pakistani President, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, declared a state of emergency in response to the Pakistan's Supreme Court's release of 60 people accused of terrorism. Musharraf declared that the judiciary branch went beyond its boundaries when the courts urged that the accused' civil rights be protected.

The state of emergency included numerous arrests, the removal of communication in Pakistan, a suspension of the constitution as well as the suppression of privately owned media channels. Not only this, but it also prompted several riots when lawyers cried out against the sweeping authority given to the police that led to the suspension of basic civil liberties, including the right to assembly and freedom of speech.

Although Musharraf's excuse was to end terrorism in Pakistan, critics claim that this is not the case, but rather to gain more personal power by silencing the Supreme Court before it could have ruled that his re-election by parliament would be invalid while he was still army chief.

Before I go into the possible consequences of

such an action, such as civil war, the fragmentation into smaller states or even another coup, I must first delve into the history of Pakistan so it might be made more explicable.

Pakistan is separated, geographically speaking, in two main parts: where the main population resides, the Indus River Valley, and where the division of ethnicity runs deep and strong, the mountainous regions. Pakistan, therefore, is a state, not a nation, bound by its faith, but also divided by its many forms. Pakistan began as a state in crisis, founded upon the battle between secularism and religion, leading to a breakdown in the parliamentary system early on and held together by the army.

Now, if the Pakistan state tried to create a nation, it would have to be founded upon the strength of the army. You can view this as a human body. We are allowed to sit, or stand firm, by our spine. If the spine were to be removed, we



Kathleen Wilmes  
Contributing Columnist

I do not believe Musharraf continues to wear the army general uniform to gain more power, but rather to represent the unity that acts as the spine, holding Pakistan together.

But how does this affect the United States? Why is President Bush warning Musharraf

against such actions? The answer stems from the after-shocks of Sept. 11.

Thus far, Pakistan has proved to be a great ally in the War on Terrorism. The United States gives billions of dollars in aid to continue this alliance. This brings Bush deep within the conflict, leaving him with two options.

First, Bush could sever financial aid to Pakistan. But what would the consequences of such an action be? It could greatly undermine the efforts of counterterrorism.

Second, Bush could continue to support the Musharraf government. But that would only bring more criticism from human rights advocates, as well as scorn among critics of the President's "freedom agenda," a policy to advance democracy around the world, mainly in the Middle East.

However, the backlash is now being felt as elections in certain Middle Eastern territories, including Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt and Iraq, actually succeeded in bringing some... (column continued online at NWmissouri.edu.)

## CAMPUS TALK

### Do you think studying abroad should be a requirement?



"I think that studying abroad is a great idea, but I don't think that the university, faculty and students alike are ready for the effects it will have."  
**Kyle Thorpe**  
Public Relations



"I think it's a good opportunity, I've always dreamed of studying in another country and learning about their cultures."  
**Katie Glavin**  
Chemistry



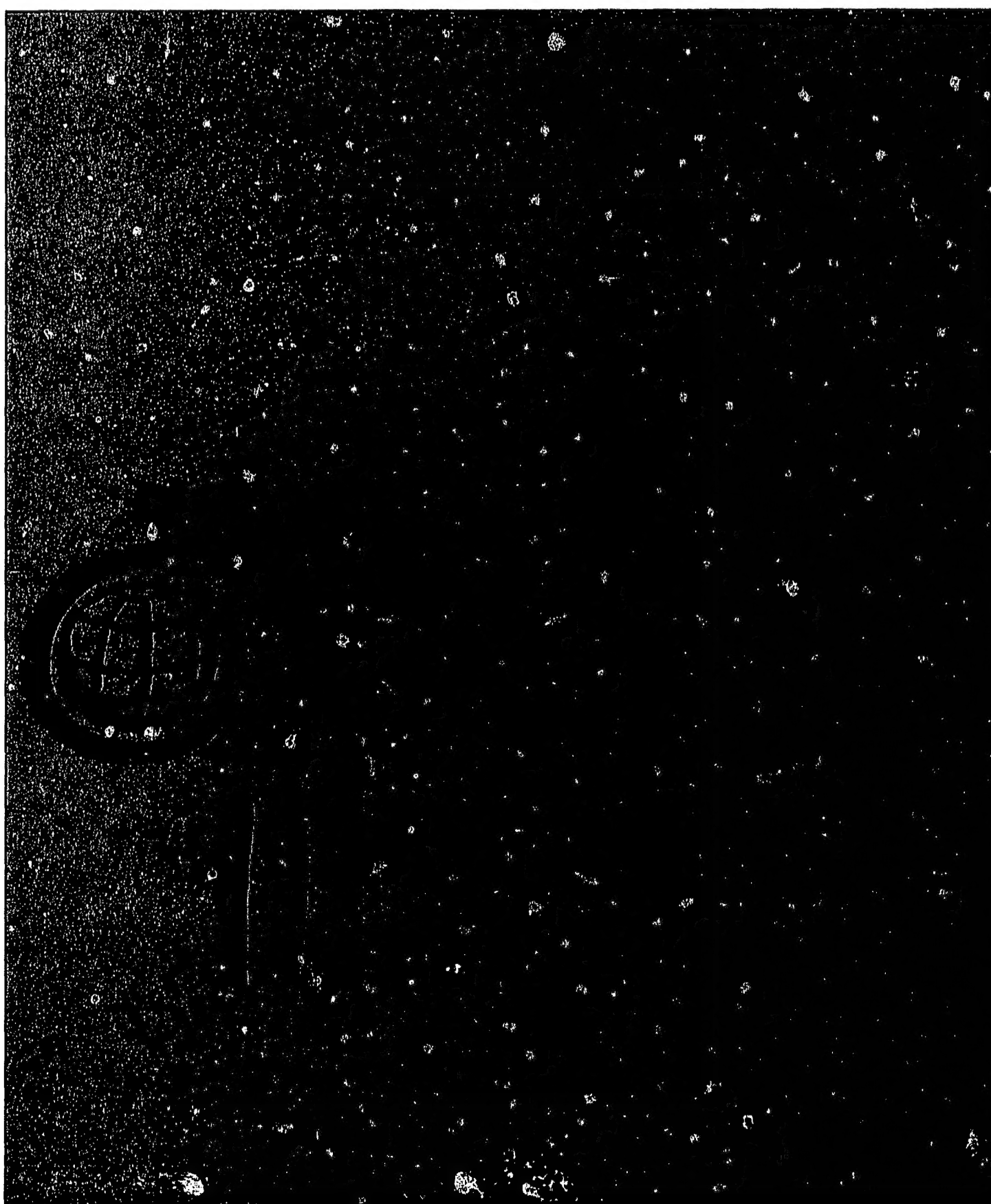
"I think it's a bad idea. If you're paying for the class you should be able to pick where you are taking the class."  
**Nathan Goldstein**  
Physical Education



"No, it should be a choice not a requirement. Some students aren't comfortable with the idea of being forced to do something."  
**Megan Dunkle**  
Agriculture Education/Agricultural Business



"I don't like it because some students can't afford it. If they start the program, scholarships should be available for students."  
**Pat McInvalle**  
Business



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**ISA Dinner - Indian Wedding Theme**  
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**Monday, November 12th**  
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**French Movie Night - "Cyrano de Bergerac"**  
7pm, Colden Lecture Hall 3500

**Tuesday, November 13th**  
**Photo Essay Contest Exhibition**  
3:15-4:30pm, IIC Living Room

**Wednesday, November 14th**  
**Study Abroad Fair**  
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**International Coffee Talk (Faculty Only Event)**  
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**Thursday, November 15th**  
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## FORUM: Decision could come as soon as next week

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and the community and make performances more of an experience by involving campus departments.

"I'm looking for new challenges," McAdams Prescott said.

She also wants to make the office inclusive to all campus organizations.

If she gets the job, McAdams Prescott wants to partner with departments on campus to get their help with planning events.

If Delaney gets the job, she wants to get more students involved in activities planning, and find new and creative ways of spreading the word about upcoming events.

When she arrives on campus she wants to walk around and introduce herself to offices and get them involved in Campus Activities.

She is also interested in working with the Distinguished Lecture Series and Encore performances.

Delaney also wants to celebrate diversity with everything the Campus Activities Office plans.

"We need to celebrate the fact we are all different," Delaney said.

The final decision, which is in the hands of Student Affairs Vice President Jerry Wilmes and Associate Student Affairs Vice President Jackie Elliot could come as early as next week, Overall Selection Co-Chair Wesley Miller said.

## MEMORIES: Uniform on display at historical society

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Meanwhile back in Illinois, Barbara worked as a small town schoolteacher. Saving every penny, she stopped at the post office every morning for letters from George.

"He wrote very faithfully," she said.

Barbara felt she didn't have to worry much considering combat in Europe was worse than China.

"You just had to assume that he was all right," Barbara said.

For George, getting the job done was a large concern, even on Christmas Day. When most are opening gifts, George was flying plane.

"I didn't think about it," he said. "I think on Christmas Day in China, we had missions to fly, so it really didn't mean that much to most of us."

However, being away from his home, wife and family, had an emotional effect.

Next to seeing his wife and family, George had something else on his mind: graduate school.

Money that Barbara saved helped pay George's way through school at the University of Indiana.

With a baby and a family to support, George desperately needed a job following graduation.

"I sent out letters to a whole lot of Midwest schools and the only place I got a positive answer was Maryville, Mo.," he said.

George packed his family and moved to Maryville where he got a job at Northwest teaching history. He taught until 1987 when he retired.

"I wouldn't have left for anything," George said.

George and Barbara still live in Maryville today. They have a grandson currently serving in Iraq.

George's Air Force uniform is on display at the Nodaway County Historical Society.



GEORGE WAITS at a train station during his time of service.  
Historical Society.

## CENTER: 25 jobs coming

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The Center's other half will house Northwest's Graduate Applied Research Center, where students and faculty will work alongside company researchers to further develop their technologies as part of academic programs.

For the time being, there are no plans for additional companies to join the others at the Center, Langerock said.

However, the community will continue to seek out potential tenants, she said.

"The big focus here is that we offer a caliber education for individuals who seek that, and the Center of Excellence offers fantastic opportunities for target industries to thrive and to grow," she said.

MCT CAMPUS

## Rare comet comes into view, should last next few months

By Tina Hesman Saey  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch (MCT)

Look up in the sky. Is it a plane? Is it a fuzzy star?

No. It's Comet Holmes.

The comet has been exciting astronomers and amateur skywatchers since it burst into view two weeks ago. It's one of trillions of objects that circle the outer reaches of the solar system, usually unnoticed.

For more than 100 years, Holmes has been invisible to the naked eye, but now you can see it in the northeast sky, even where city street lamps drown out starlight.

The comet is so far away that usually only the most powerful telescopes are able to detect it, said Erika Gibb, an astronomer at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The closest Comet Holmes gets to the sun is twice the distance from the Earth to the sun, she said.

Suddenly, after midnight on Oct. 24, the comet grew brighter, attracting the attention of amateur astronomers in Spain and then around the world.

Astronomers now know that a cloud of dust exploded from the comet. Sunlight reflecting off the dust particles gives the normally dim comet its extra wattage.

Astronomers classify celestial objects according to brightness. The larger the number, the dimmer the object.

Humans can see objects as dim as magnitude 6, Gibb said. In July, Comet Holmes was a dark magnitude 14.5. It reached a blazing 2.7 last week, she said. Each step is a hundredfold change in brightness, Gibb said.

This isn't the first time Comet Holmes has staged such an outburst. The first time was in November 1892.

That time, the comet flared to magnitude 4 or 5, bright enough for English astronomer Edwin Holmes to discover it.

Two months later, it flared again briefly but then went dark again for more than 100 years.

Scientists can't predict how long the comet will be visible this time, Gibb said, but it was still bright early in the week. The comet circles the sun about every seven years.

"Comets are fragile, only about as dense as a snowdrift," she said.

Sometimes pieces break off, and sunlight bouncing off the new material can brighten things up a bit, but it is unusual for the brightness to change so dramatically, Gibb said.

Gibb learned about the comet's transformation quickly, and she and her colleagues almost immediately began applying for time to study the object using high-tech telescopes around the world.

"There are trillions and trillions of comets in the outer parts of the solar system, and so far we've only studied a few dozen,"

Gibb said.

So far, the scientists have learned that the comet contains organic chemicals and water, she said. They are analyzing data now and hope to report their findings in the coming months.

Steve Taylor, an amateur astronomer and member of the St. Louis Astronomical Society, learned about the comet from the group.

He located the object quickly with just his eyes, he said. The comet appears as a bright, fuzzy star to the naked eye, Taylor said.

The comet is round and doesn't appear to have a tail, although recent images suggest it is developing one, Gibb said.

But Taylor said skywatchers who grabbed a pair of binoculars or peeked through a telescope wouldn't be disappointed by the tailless comet.

"It looks like a big bull's-eye in the sky."

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## Revived program could play spoiler



WIDE RECEIVER Brian Shannon had one catch for five yards as Emporia State defenders bring him down. Shannon got some extra playing time after No. 2 receiver E.J. Falkner and reserve wide-out Sydney Brisbane didn't make the trip.

## Northwest can finish a perfect conference schedule for 2nd straight year with win

By Brett Burger  
University Sports Editor

When Bart Tatum arrived at Missouri Southern after the 2005 national championship, he had one message for his new team.

"The worst thing you can do is look behind you."

That's good advice for a team that had endured tragedy with the death of coach John Ware, who was found dead in his office in Sept. 2005. On top of that, the Lions hadn't had a winning season since 1997 and hadn't tasted glory since 1993 when future NFL stars Rod Smith and James Thrash led the Lions to their only MIAA championship.

"I don't think people truly understand when you talk about five to six coaches in a 10-year period, the death of a coach, 10-straight losing records. It's a very steep hill to climb," Tatum said.

In Tatum's second season, the Lions are 6-4 and clinched a winning season with a 55-24 victory last Saturday against Truman State.

"That's why the good Lord put eyeballs in front of our heads instead of behind our heads," Tatum said. "We focus on the future and we don't talk about the past ever. We talk about what our goals are and having a winning season was the first stepping stone and that's in the books."

"We're still climbing, make no mistake about that, but it was a very difficult task—winning more than we lost this year."

Missouri Southern has no shot at a playoff bid but could put a damper on Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma's bid for 200-career wins, and a possible first-round bye in the upcoming Division II playoffs.

"After watching film, it's a little scary. They're good on defense."

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**Injury Report:**  
(as of Nov. 6)  
Josh Mathews (shoulder) out  
LaRon Council (leg) out

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Exhibition ends in loss Loss points out needed improvements as season opener approaches in one week

By Scott Levine  
Sports Editor

The Northwest women's basketball team saw an early lead quickly evaporate during last Saturday's 83-63 exhibition loss to Illinois State.

Lauren Williams' two free throws gave the Bearcats a 9-6 advantage, before Illinois State's Tiffany Hudson cut the deficit to one with 15:00 left in the first half. Hudson gave the Redbirds the lead for good when she converted three free throws with 14:58 remaining.

Senior captain April Miller said the game served as a test to see what the team needs to work on for the future.

"The game definitely magnified our weaknesses," Miller said. "They were physical, but we kept in there. I felt when we were clicking, it showed what our potential was."

Mandi Schumacher's layup with 11:35 left in the first half cut Illinois State's lead to 17-16. That was as close as Northwest would come for rest of the game. The Redbirds closed the first half on a 30-16 run, giving them a 47-32 halftime advantage.

"From the (Illinois State) game, I feel that our transition defense needs to get better," senior captain

Kelli Nelson said. "We've worked on it through drills in the offseason, but this game showed we still need work."

After Northwest fell behind by as many as 18 points in the second half, Schumacher nailed a lay-up cutting the deficit to 68-55 with six minutes remaining.

However, Schumacher missed her free throw attempt, and Illinois State closed the contest on a 15-8 run.

Illinois State's All-MVC guard Kristi Cirone registered 27 points, while Shala Jackson came off the bench and added 16 points and six rebounds.

Meghan Brue led the 'Cats in scoring with 17 points on 8-of-14 shooting. Brue added six rebounds, while Jessica Burton hauled in eight rebounds and totaled 12 points. Schumacher and Andrea Dill added nine points apiece.

Northwest coach Gene Steim-meyer missed the contest because he attended a memorial service.

Northwest opens the regular season at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 16, at home against Avila University during the Winstead-Reeves Classic.

For a complete season preview of the Northwest women's basketball team and other winter sports, check out the Winter Sports Preview Nov. 15.

## MEL'S WINNING WAYS



## Tjeerdsma nears milestone in regular season finale

By Brett Burger  
University Sports Editor

Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma doesn't like competing against former coaches, but Saturday, a former player and assistant coach stands between him and history.

With a win Saturday against Missouri Southern, Tjeerdsma can become the 12th active NCAA coach with 200 career wins. Southern coach Bart Tatum played running back for Tjeerdsma at Austin College and was a Northwest assistant coach from 1994 to 2005.

"I don't like competing against people that have been my coaches, but that's part of the business," Tjeerdsma said. "Once the game starts, you don't worry about it. I really don't think about it that way. It's just another game to get ready for."

Before coming to Northwest, Tjeerdsma went 59-38 in nine seasons at NAIA-affiliated Austin College. When Tjeerdsma arrived at Northwest in 1994, the Bearcats hadn't won a playoff game in two appearances. Tatum remembers how Tjeerdsma

kept the staff upbeat about the future as the team endured through an 0-11 season.

"Mel Tjeerdsma set the ultimate example in terms of having poise, class and character," Tatum said. "It (1994) was tough. He never turned into a finger pointer. He was always positive and all the things he needed to do, he did to keep the spirits up and in the right direction."

Tjeerdsma downplayed the upcoming milestone during Tuesday's media luncheon, saying the win means he has "just been coaching for a long time." Never known to be a man that takes all the credit for the 19 postseason victories, nine MIAA championships and two national titles he's brought to Northwest, he instead chalked up his successful career to coaching staffs of the past and present.

"I guess it means I've been blessed to be in this profession as long as I have and to be in a good situation," Tjeerdsma said. "There aren't a lot of places where you get to play 14 to 15 games a year like we've done. I've been around great coaches and

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BY THE NUMBERS

**11**  
Number of active NCAA coaches with 200-career wins.

**140**  
Games won at Northwest, making him the school's all-time wins leader.

**2**  
Frank Beamer and Jim Tressel joined the 200-win club this year.

NW VOLLEYBALL



SETTER KATIE SWENSON recorded 33 set assists in Northwest's 3-0 season-ending loss to Emporia State, Tuesday.

## Slow start sends team packing for season

By Marcus Meade  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Northwest volleyball team played its final match of the season in the same way it played many others. They started slow and played great at times, but it just wasn't enough.

The Bearcats lost to No. 15 Emporia State 3-0, Tuesday, in the first round of the MIAA tournament.

"It's always tough leaving a season not playing as well as you can," Northwest coach Anna Tool said.

The team's biggest problem statistically was its inconsistent attack. Northwest posted its third lowest hitting efficiency of the season at .068. They had a total of 28 errors.

The general consensus was the 'Cats weren't clicking.

"We just didn't come out and communicate as well as we did last time," outside hitter Alicia Johnson said. "I think we were trying too hard to hit certain spots and forgetting fundamentals."

Johnson led the team with 11 kills along with outside hitter Rachel Nisi. Setter Katie Swenson notched 33 set assists while libero Paige Spangenberg added 22 digs.

Though players like Johnson, Swenson and Spangenberg will be back next season, this was the final match for lone senior Nicole Wojtowicz. Wojtowicz, a defensive specialist, compiled 955 digs in her career at Northwest.

"It's sad to be done, but overall it's been a really good season," Wojtowicz said. "If anything I'm glad we improved over the course of the season."

Northwest finished this season with a 17-17 record, its first non-losing season since 2000, and showed improvement over last year, Tool said.

The team's best stretch came in September when it defeated No. 18 Nebraska-Omaha and nearly ranked South Dakota.

As for their first round loss to Emporia, Wojtowicz summed it up simply.

"Some nights you're on. Some nights you're off," Wojtowicz said. "Tonight was kind of an off night at the wrong time."



NW RUGBY

## Rugby a hit in 1st season at Northwest



A NORTHWEST RUGBY player attempts a lateral in their match against Benedictine (Kan.) last Saturday at Bearcat Stadium. This is the first year for Rugby as a club sport at Northwest.

### Former athletes find new niche with new club sport as fall season comes to a close

By Jared Clarke  
Missourian Reporter

In a school where football reigns supreme, the Northwest Rugby Club is starting to draw attention to a sport that most Northwest and Maryville community members know little about.

This year marks the inaugural season for the Northwest Rugby Club. The club was created by a group of students and is composed of volunteers who wanted to learn and play the game.

With the help of community businesses and student organizations, the club has built a solid group of players.

Maryville businesses sponsoring the team include U.S. Bank, Carter's Pharmacy, Dominos Pizza, Hy-Vee and Molly's. After getting sponsors around the community, the club put flyers up around campus to get the word out.

"It was a joint effort to spread the word," senior player Nick Triche said. "Our best way to spread the word was by word of mouth and Facebook."

Ninety percent of the players on the team this season had never played rugby, Triche said. Many were looking for an alternative to football.

"You get a lot of athletes from high school that come to Northwest who can't participate in the varsity sports," Triche said. "Rugby gives them an alternative, besides intramurals, where they can come out and showcase what they've got."

Rugby is similar to football, but has many different rules and aspects of the game. Many believe that football is harder and more intense than rugby, but when you put both sports side-by-side, one could argue that rugby is just as tough, if not tougher than football, Triche said.

"We are out on the field for 80 minutes solid, no pads, no breaks, and no timeouts, just giving it all we've got," Triche said. "In football, a down is usually an average of a minute and a half, while we are running nonstop."

Sept. 8 marked the first game ever for the Northwest Rugby team,

as they took on UNO at Bearcat Stadium. Although the team is still looking for their first win, they are in the building process.

"We are young and are not up to par with different clubs because of our inexperience, but our athleticism is up there and our enthusiasm for the game is high," co-team captain Paul Zimmer said.

On Saturday, the rugby club matched up against Benedictine University at Bearcat Stadium. It was their third home match of the season. Despite being defeated 57-7, Northwest outplayed Benedictine in the second half. The club believes it made strides toward the future.

One accomplishment that came from the game on Saturday was finding coaches. David Richardson and Fernando Hordeda were unofficially named as coaches for the team.

"Finding coaches is huge for the team's success," Zimmer said. "Now we can worry about other things like recruiting and the whole logistics of the team. We can make the team a lot more organized."

Richardson, an assistant physics professor at Northwest, is also a sponsor for the team. He had experience playing rugby in high school and college in England and decided to advise the team.

Heredia recently moved to Maryville from California. He played rugby professionally for 12 years, including time playing on the Venezuelan national team. Heredia heard about Northwest Rugby about a week ago and decided to get involved.

Now that it has coaches, the Northwest Rugby Club is excited to see what they can do in their upcoming season, which begins in March.

Northwest Rugby has one more game this season against Pittsburg State. The game begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 in Olathe, Kan.

Anyone interested in joining the team for next season, you can contact the Northwest Rugby Club at Rugby@nwmissourian.com and check out its Facebook group "Northwest Rugby Club" for additional information.

Training will begin indoors in January after winter break.

## COUNTING: Went 0-11 in '94

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great staffs, both here and at Austin College and it all has fit together."

There has been little turnover in the coaching staff at Northwest. Defensive Coordinator Scott Bostwick has been with Tjerdema since his arrival in 1994. Assistant coach Will Wagner is in his eighth season.

"The continuity of our staff has been key. We just don't have any turnover in our staff," Tjerdema said. "That's important on the field and in recruiting, because the same guys recruiting the same school year after year and that makes a lot of difference."

Adam Dorrel, in his first season as the offensive coordinator and fourth overall, said Tjerdema has been more than a football coach. "The thing about him that people don't get to see is that he cares about these guys outside of football," Dorrel said, who played offensive lineman for Tjerdema from 1994 to 1997. "He taught us a lot about football, but he taught us a lot about life and life skills that I use every day, hard work, discipline."

Tjerdema can also become the third active coach this season to reach the 200-win plateau, joining Ohio State's Jim Tressel and Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer. While Tressel and Beamer are more high-profile coaches, Tjerdema doesn't regret staying at Northwest, despite Division I coaching jobs that have come across his desk.

"This has been a great situation. We feel



MEL TJERDEMA (right) and Bart Tatum (left) embrace after last year's game in Joplin. Northwest scored 24 first half points in a 24-7 win.

like this is a great place to be and this is where I'm supposed to be," Tjerdema said. "I don't have any regrets at all. When you look at where our program is and where it was in 1994, you get a good feeling about what has happened here."

"And what's happened in this community and our University and how football has become a high profile thing and I think it's carried over in a lot of ways."

Should another upper-level job show up, Tjerdema said he wouldn't give it a second thought.

"You don't have to worry about that," Tjerdema said with a chuckle. "There are a lot of young coaches out there that are going to be a lot more interesting than me."

# BEARCATS

### SCORE BY QUARTER

(8-1) 0 10 7 7 — 24
(3-7) 0 7 0 0 — 7

### TEAM STATISTICS

Northwest	Emporia
455	229
5-39-6	79
11-92	9-33-9
0-0	9-81
230	2-1
2-14	96
24-35-4	3-18
225	12-33-0
35	133
5-4	29
22	19
10	11
11	3
5-1	8-21
0-13	1-2

### PLAYER STATISTICS

MIKE PETERSON (left) hauls in an 8-yard touchdown catch with 2:13 left in the game. Peterson had 5 catches for 60 yards in the 24-7 win. It was Peterson's first touchdown catch since Oct. 13 against Central Missouri.

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Kendall Wright	9	86	0	19
Mike Peterson	5	60	1	20
Abe Qatun	5	60	0	17
Paris Elam	2	10	0	6
Sheldon Cook	1	6	0	6
Brian Shannon	1	5	0	5
Xavier Omon	1	3	0	3
Totals...	24	230	1	20

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In 20
Michael Stadler	5	198	39.6	50	2
Totals...	5	198	39.6	50	2

**Defense (T-A)**  
Matt Robertson (12-9), Jared Espinosa (10-5), Tyler Northway (6-2), Tommy Miller (6-4), Terry Bilbro (6-6), Myles Burnside (5-2), Chris LeFlore (4-0), Ike Urum-Eke (4-2), Dallas Flynn (4-3), Sean Paddock (4-3), Brandon Clayton (3-2), Troy Matthews (3-3), Marcus Martin (3-3), Caleb Dohrman (3-3), Kyle Sunderman (3-3), T.J. Kaatman (2-1), Evan Wilmes (2-2), Chris Termini (2-2), Justin Welch (1-0)

**Game Highlights:**  
- Xavier Omon rushed for 230 yards and two touchdowns, moving him into third place on the MIAA all-time scoring list with 506 points.

- The Northwest defense held Emporia State to 229 yards of total offense.

- Omon needs 17 yards to become the first Division II player to rush for four consecutive 1,500 yard seasons.

- With the win, Northwest clinched its 21st MIAA championship. The total is second only to Truman's 26 titles.

**For a complete game story, log on to NWmissourianews.com**

# SPOOFHOOUNDS

### MHS FOOTBALL

## Format set to change after claiming final victim

By Sam Robinson  
Community Sports Editor

This was not the plan.

Three weeks ago, the Maryville football team was 7-0 and ranked No. 4 in the state and poised to achieve its goal of making the playoffs.

Now, after losing just one game by one touchdown, the Spoofhounds' lockers are cleaned out with the members of the MEC champion-squad watching several schools with inferior marks play for the title they once coveted.

The 2007 'Hounds belong to a special fraternity in the state of Missouri. A bond they share with Class 6 Blue Springs South (9-1), who was ranked No. 1 and in the nation's Top 10 for nearly the entire season, only to lose its final regular season game to Rockhurst last week.

Instead of rewarding teams for their play in each of their 10 games, Missouri's district system renders the first seven contests inconsequential. Conference championships and undefeated records are thrown out the window as playoff appearances are decided in three games.

Senior quarterback Andy Walter said this format would've served the 'Hounds better if they had lost their first seven and won just three games.

"I was saying the other day that we could've gone 0-7 then won our three district games," Walter said. "(Then we would have) been a 3-7 team and be in the playoffs."

While the 'Hounds and Jaguars are now entrenched as examples of a potentially flawed system, the Lawson Cardinals play next season. Two teams will now advance from each district, meaning the playoffs will double in size.

This does not sit well with one

Coach Chris Holt, who has been on the wrong end of this not-so-rare scenario before as he went 9-1 at Princeton in 2005, said Carrollton merely took advantage of its circumstances.

"That's the system we have," Holt said. "I guess you've got to be congratulatory to them. They won the games they had to win, we didn't."

Missouri's three district games format is just one of the many utilized across the country. Iowa, for example, has eight teams per district with the top two squads advancing to the playoffs. Holt said a system like this would make a lot more sense as eight games would count toward the playoffs instead of just three.

"If just that it would allow your whole season to mean something instead of just a few games," he said. "That's the biggest flaw in our system."

Missouri's reluctance to introduce a format where nearly all games are district games stems from the state not wanting to de-value conference play. Teams in the aforementioned formats don't play for conference titles as everything is geared toward districts and the postseason.

While too late for this year's seniors and recent Maryville teams who were victims of loaded districts, the current system is getting amended in time for next season. Two teams will now advance from each district, meaning the playoffs will double in size.

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MARYVILLE IS ONE of two teams to be left out of the postseason with one loss. The Spoofhounds won the MEC crown with a perfect mark and fell to No. 1 Lawson 28-20 during their lone loss.

Maryville senior, who knows he missed his chance.

"It's kind of upsetting," linebacker Tyler Oglesby said. "It's very upsetting actually to know that next year they're going to take two teams from each district. It's really tough, you can't really put words to the feeling."

While it will limit the amount of 9-1 teams kept out of the postseason, the new system is not without flaws. Although it comes a year too late for a team that saw one quarter erase a decade's worth of work, it will likely give the 2008 team a long overdue opportunity.

"You're going to get a lot more schools in," Holt said. "The difference is, if we'd played Lawson in week 10 and they beat us, theoretically you'd play them again in two games so I don't like that aspect of it. But at least you'd have the opportunity to play them again."

"Their argument's going to be, 'we already beat you, we shouldn't have to beat you twice.' I can see that too. I don't think the one we have now's great and I don't think the one we're going to have next year is going to be great either. I think every one of them (district formats) has their pluses and minuses."

### SCORE BY QUARTER

(9-1) 14 15 0 7 — 36
(3-6) 0 0 0 0 — 0

### TEAM STATISTICS

Spoofhounds	Golden Eagles
27	First downs
377	Rushing-yards
100	Passing-yards
10-84	Penalties
2	Turnovers

### PLAYER STATISTICS

Mattson	22-224 yards, TD, Oglesby 6-95, TD; Swinford 7-10, TD; Davis 3-14; Archer 1-10; Farmer 4-4, TD; Sherry 1-2, TD; DeMott 1-2; Mauldin 1-1
Passing	Walter 8-15, 100 yds, TD, 2 INTs
Receiving	Shoff 3-47; Farmer 2-30, TD; Archer 1-21; Swinford 1-5

THE MARYVILLE DEFENSE stymied opposing offenses all season, allowing teams to score 20 points three times. The defense did not allow a team to register 30 points. Lawson came the closest to break the 30-point barrier with 28.

**Rushing**  
Mattson 22-224 yards, TD, Oglesby 6-95, TD; Swinford 7-10, TD; Davis 3-14; Archer 1-10; Farmer 4-4, TD; Sherry 1-2, TD; DeMott 1-2; Mauldin 1-1

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### MHS CROSS COUNTRY

## Elliot Woodlives placing

By Christopher Woodland  
Missourian Reporter

Maryville cross country coach Phil Stone hopes the team's success at the state meet Saturday in Jefferson City will carry into coming years.

Sophomore Josh Elliott finished 48 spots ahead of last year's place. He ran this year's course in 18:12, good enough for 44th place.

"He has been getting considerably better all year," Stone said. "But to run 18:12 was great. That was the hardest course all year."

Thomson followed Elliott and placed 125th out of a field of 164 runners with a time of 19:25. On the girls' side, Shelby Jones finished 79th out of 168 with a time of 22:53.

All three runners made their second consecutive trip to the state meet. Both Thomson and Jones finished higher a year ago than on Saturday. Jones finished 66th in '06, while Thomson placed 112th.

Elliott, Thomson and Jones make up exactly half the Spoofhound cross country team, and have at least one more year to compete at the high school level.

Stone hopes their success as underclassmen will encourage next year's freshman to go out for the team and boost his squad's numbers.

"We had no freshmen this year," Stone said. "It seems people are getting their best times as freshmen and sophomores. Maybe that will help encourage some more young kids to come out next year."

O'Hara High School junior Max Storms won the boy's class two championship, running a 16:39. Pembroke Hill junior Lily Fisher won the girls' individual with a time of 20:10. Ferculancum High School swept both boys' and girls' team championships.

# NWMSU and MHS Athletes of the Week

**Omon**

The senior running back from Beatrice, Neb., rushed for 230 yards and two touchdowns in a 24-7 victory over Emporia State and is now third all-time on the MIAA's scoring list.

**O'Brien**

The junior from Easton, Mo., finished ninth in Saturday's NCAA South Central Regional in Joplin. Her time of 22:09.7 broke a school record.

**Mattson**

The junior running back rushed for a season-high 224 yards and a touchdown. Mattson finished the year with 1,241 yards and 17 TDs.

**Jones**

The sophomore finished the 5K in 22:53, which was good enough for 79th out of 168 runners at the state meet.

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# Screwy system clouds playoff picture



Scott Levine  
Sports Editor

I should have been doing something much more productive last night than looking at what college football game would screw up my weekly picks again. But no, I was forced to sit, staring at my computer screen looking at spreads destined to screw me over again.

So why was I not doing anything more productive? Because the Missouri State High School Athletics Association says I couldn't. That's right, I should have been helping Community Sports Editor Sam Robinson cover Maryville's first round football game Wednesday, but instead, I was forced to join the rest of Maryville watching teams with 3-7 records make the playoffs, while the Spoothounds

finished 9-1.

How in the world does the state association expect a coach to tell his 9-1 team that they weren't good enough to get into the playoffs, but Joe Blow's team down the road was good enough with an impressive 3-7 mark?

Well I guess the association's brain trust is allowing more teams into the playoffs next year, but it seems a little outdated. In fact the whole system is outdated.

To make matters better, the state has decided to allow half the teams in each district to make the playoffs. A nice gesture, but a little overdone. The main problem is allowing teams with below .500 records into the playoffs, while keeping teams with one or two losses out.

Next year's system will not remedy that situation, it will only allow more good and bad teams in.

The state should take some advice from their neighbors to the north — Iowa. A great state if I may add.

In Iowa, the state is divided into eight districts, with eight teams battling it out in each district. The top two finishers in each district advance to the playoffs. In the biggest class, there are only 48 teams, split into seven conferences. Each winner automatically receives a bid, while nine others receive bids based on a points system.

Now wouldn't that work much better than the current or future system? No teams would make the playoffs with below .500 records and generally the best 16 teams would make the playoffs.

Some people may be asking, "but Scott, the distances would be too far."

If you're from Maryville, slap yourself. Anyone involved with this football team would be glad to drive over two hours if it meant they would be given a fair shot at the playoffs.

People may also be saying that district play is the beginning of the playoffs. Of course your district could include the four best teams in the state, compared to another district featuring the four worst. Then when your district's winner goes to the playoffs purely on a tiebreaker and eventually wins the state championship, come talk to me about district play being a fair barometer as to what team is Missouri's best.

To get a true state champion, Missouri needs to change its system. If it doesn't, teams with sub-par records will continue to cloud Missouri's playoff picture, and the BCS will start looking much more appealing.

## POWER RANKINGS

### MIAA

Team	Record	Notes
1. Northwest	8-1	Has one week to figure out lackluster passing game
2. Missouri Western	8-2	Hottest team in the MIAA right now
3. Washburn	7-3	Win against Pittsburg State may have saved season
4. Pittsburg State	7-3	2 losses kept Pitt out last year and 3 losses won't help
5. Central Missouri	7-3	Central needs to prepare for Mineral Water Bowl
6. Missouri Southern	6-4	Clinched first winning season since 1997
7. Truman State	5-5	Facing a Western team that won't be denied
8. Fort Hays State	4-6	Nearly gave Southwest Baptist first win of season
9. Emporia State	3-7	Playing a Pittsburg team with nothing to play for
10. Southwest Baptist	0-10	Played well against Fort Hays but will finish 0-11

Results Last Week	Score
1. Northwest beat Emporia	24-7
2. Missouri Western beat Central	42-28
3. Washburn beat Pittsburg State	35-28
4. Pittsburg State lost to Washburn	28-35
5. Central Missouri lost to Western	28-42
6. Missouri Southern beat Truman	55-24
7. Truman lost to Southern	24-55
8. Fort Hays beat Baptist	36-30
9. Emporia State lost to Northwest	7-24
10. Baptist lost to Fort Hays	30-36



### Big 12

Team	Record	Notes
1. Oklahoma	8-1 (4-1)	Out-ranks KU by beating far better competition
2. Kansas	9-0 (5-0)	Looking scary, only test remaining is against Missouri
3. Missouri	8-1 (4-1)	Hoping to avoid typical catastrophic loss before KU game
4. Texas	8-2 (4-2)	Gave Oklahoma game and have won four straight
5. Oklahoma State	5-4 (3-2)	In midst of a brutal stretch, now have to take on Jayhawks
6. Kansas State	5-4 (3-3)	Losing to Iowa State unacceptable, probably dooms season
7. Colorado	5-5 (3-3)	Pasted at home against MU, but do have some good wins
8. Texas Tech	7-3 (3-3)	Same old Red Raider squad, can't beat a good team
9. Texas A&M	6-4 (3-3)	Cosplay season with four ranked teams, panic city for Aggies
10. Nebraska	4-6 (1-5)	Gave up most points in school history, no longer relevant
11. Iowa State	2-8 (1-5)	Good spoiler squad, playing much better down stretch
12. Baylor	3-7 (0-6)	The Southwest Baptist of the Big 12, abysmal yet again

Results last week	Score
1. Oklahoma beat Texas A&M	42-14
2. Kansas beat Nebraska	76-39
3. Missouri beat Colorado	55-10
4. Texas beat Oklahoma St.	38-35
5. Oklahoma St. lost to Texas	38-55
6. Kansas State lost to Texas Tech	20-31
7. Colorado lost to Missouri	10-55
8. Texas Tech beat Baylor	38-7
9. Texas A&M lost to OU	14-42
10. Nebraska lost to Kansas	39-76
11. Iowa State beat Kansas St.	31-20
12. Baylor lost to Texas Tech	7-38

## SPORTS BATTLE PICKS

**Scott's picks**  
**Prediction Record (19-13)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
Texas Tech at Texas — Texas  
Texas trails by 40 points entering the fourth quarter until Jamaal Charles lights up the Red Raider defense for 300 yards and six scores as the Longhorns rally again for another big victory.

**NCAA Upset Alert**  
Colorado at Iowa State — Iowa State  
I've been waiting all year to pick my beloved Cyclones. I was going to choose them to dethrone Iowa, but Marc thought Iowa was God's gift to football there, which is typical to find in Hawk fans. However, Marc is not a Hawk fan, so the disease that afflicts these fans must run rampant in other parts of the nation, too. Iowa State will at least cover the spread, but I think they'll ride the momentum of last week's win to defeat the Buffs this week.

**NFL Lock**  
Cleveland at Pittsburgh — Pittsburgh  
Cleveland is much improved, but they aren't ready to win in Pittsburgh, yet. The only chance the Browns have in this game is if the Steelers aren't rested enough after playing on Monday night.

**NFL Upset Alert**  
Buffalo at Miami — Miami  
It has to happen sooner or later. I love teams coming off a bye week, and I hate teams that are looking at a big prime time match-up in the next week. Well since Miami's coming off a bye week, and the Bills face New England next week on prime time, this basically falls into the lock category, at least in my mind.

**Brett's picks**  
**Prediction Record (14-18)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
Auburn at Georgia — Georgia  
Georgia is superior to Auburn in passing and rushing. Passing will be the key as Georgia takes care of Auburn. Georgia needs win to inch closer to SEC championship berth. Pretty much two boring teams.

**NCAA Upset Alert**  
Kansas at Oklahoma State — Oklahoma State  
I'm going to pick against Kansas the rest of this season. They've got to lose sometime. Seriously, Kansas isn't that good and nobody in the Big 12 is that good. They are typical Missouri at Arrowhead. Todd Reesing isn't a Heisman Trophy candidate, so let's derail that train immediately. Oklahoma State has shown they can hang with the elite teams in the Big 12.

**NFL Lock**  
Indianapolis at San Diego — Indianapolis  
San Diego reverted back to the team that started the season 1-3. Adrian Peterson ran all over the Chargers, so expect Joseph Addai to do the same thing. Phillip Rivers needs to play better so the team can rely less on LT's legs. This is a must-win for the Chargers if they have any shot at making the playoffs.

**NFL Upset Alert**  
Minnesota at Green Bay — Minnesota  
Vikings have dug too big of a hole to make some noise in the NFC North, but both teams are playing well and this should be a shootout. Adrian Peterson should be enough to upset the Packers. Packers could make it interesting, but Vikings edge the Packers in historic Lambeau Field.

**NFL Upset Alert**  
Philadelphia at Washington — Eagles  
The boys in green need to give this game badly and Washington is not very good. Donnie McCarroll the bunch aren't going to the playoffs, but the ex-Cue QB will win one for me before heading back home to Chicago next season.

**NFL Upset Alert**  
Cincinnati at Baltimore — Cincinnati  
I like Baltimore, but they are playing so bad. Cincinnati isn't good, but they're fortunate enough to get Baltimore at the right time. If Baltimore's offense were a high school kid, they'd be the chess team captain. Ironically, they have roughly the same amount of talent.

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## WHAT TO WATCH

**Scott's TV Picks**  
**Friday**  
■ Louisville at West Virginia, 11 a.m. ESPN Classic — What a great day for football this was in 2005. USC and Notre Dame, Michigan and Penn. St. and this classic all happened on the same day, and came down to the final play.

**Days rating (2 of 5)**

**Saturday**  
■ Kansas at Oklahoma St., 7 p.m. ABC — I've been saying for weeks that Kansas will lose. I even told all my friends to put their college savings on Texas A&M beating Kansas. But I'm finally coming over to the dark side and saying Kansas will win.

**Days rating (4 of 5)**

**Sunday**  
■ Minnesota at Green Bay, noon FOX — Brett Favre dreams of being back in Kansas City after AD nimbles all over him.

**Days rating (3 of 5)**

**Marc's TV Picks**  
**Friday**  
■ American Gladiators, 5 p.m. ESPN Classic — If ESPN Classic is going to keep airing American Gladiators, I'm going to keep watching it. My girl Lee and my man Nitro can't be stopped on the rings, and I love to see weekend warriors try to do it.

**Days rating (2 of 5)**

**Saturday**  
■ Florida St. at Virginia Tech, 2:30 p.m. ABC — I need Virginia Tech to win so I can catch Scott. I love defensive games, and it doesn't get any more defensive than this. As long as Beamer doesn't get prevented defense with five minutes left to go.

**Days rating (4 of 5)**

**Sunday**  
■ Cleveland at Pittsburgh, noon CBS — It's time to see if Cleveland is for real. Big Ben's back, like I knew they would be, and the Steelers are back to Super Bowl form.

**Days rating (4 of 5)**

**Sam's TV Picks**  
**Friday**  
■ Friends, 5 p.m. — "The One with the Worst Best Man Ever." Joey and Chandler lose Ross' ring and wackiness ensues.

**Days rating (1 of 5)**

**Saturday**  
■ Sugar Shane Mosley vs. Miguel Cotto, 9:30 p.m. HBO PPV  
This much-anticipated welterweight title showdown could be the fight of the year. Cotto's undefeated resume faces his toughest test as Mosley is the first truly great fighter Cotto has fought.

**Days rating (5 of 5)**

**Sunday**  
■ Cowboys at Giants, 3:15 p.m. Fox — Battle for NFC supremacy. Last week we had the showdown for the likely Super Bowl champion. This winner could emerge as the team that loses to New England or Indy.

**Days rating (4 of 5)**

**Brett's TV Picks**  
**Friday**  
■ Denver at Washington, 7 p.m., ESPN — Denver will have Carmelo Anthony and Allen Iverson for a full season. The Nuggets are off to a great start, while the Wizards have stumbled out of the gates.

**Days rating (3 of 5)**

**Saturday**  
■ No. 1 Ohio State at Illinois, 2:30 p.m. ABC — The Illini have knocked off a couple of Top-25 teams, but nothing would define its season more than an upset of the Buckeyes.

**Days rating (4 of 5)**

**Sunday**  
■ Denver at Kansas City, Noon, CBS — Kansas City is back on CBS where it belongs. The home team always wins in this rivalry, but both teams are pretty even.

**Days rating (3 of 5)**

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# YOUR LEISURE

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

**Today's Birthday (11-8-07):**  
You'll learn about negotiations this year, the game of give and take. Always have something you can lose and you'll end up with a profit.

**Aries (March 21-April 19):**  
Today is an 8 — If you go through your holdings carefully, odds are good you'll discover more than you thought you had. That ought to get you motivated.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):**  
Today is a 7 — There's no point in arguing endlessly with a person who's not listening well. There's no point in letting this person spend your money either. Be firm.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21):**  
Today is a 7 — You're getting to the place in the game where action is required. If you haven't already, quickly come up with a plan.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22):**  
Today is a 9 — Fantasies can turn to worries, as you add up the costs. Don't get into a tizzy about something that hasn't happened. You can change plans.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):**  
Today is a 5 — Be ready to prove your point beyond a shadow of a doubt. Gather your data together and go over it with a fine-toothed comb. Know your stuff.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):**  
Today is an 8 — A subject you find fascinating leads you to discover a way to do the job better. This is always a welcome relief. Put in the correction.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):**  
Today is a 7 — Share your deepest hopes and dreams with your secret confidant. If you don't know such a person, a diary works well. Sometimes, even better. Get one with a lock.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):**  
Today is an 8 — You don't have full agreement, even though you're quite decisive. Listen carefully to the other people's considerations. That may be all they need.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):**  
Today is a 6 — You have a way with words, but caution is advised. Don't imply more than you intend to deliver. Be charming, but not a tease.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):**  
Today is an 8 — Your team is behind you 100 percent. Will that be enough to accomplish what you have in mind? Yeah, but it'll be expensive. Hold on to the purse strings.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):**  
Today is a 6 — There's a big test coming up that affects how much money you make. Look sharp and be respectful, appearances matter.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):**  
Today is an 8 — Some of your worries are well-founded, but that doesn't mean they get to be in control of your life. With love and faith, you can squash the one that pops up to scare you today.

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## STROLLER

# Your Man loves gambling

I'm in deep.

I'm in deep to the point of people you don't want to be in deep with. I have discovered the world of sports gambling, and I love it.

The problem is, it doesn't love me back. You would think my bookie, Guapo, would be my biggest fan. I bought his beach house, his kids' braces and his wife's laser hair removal (she looked like the Robin Williams version of Sasquatch, that's hairy).

But instead he meets me with anger. Last week, after I lost on a sack race at the Burlington Junction Elementary School Family Fun Day, (damnit, Timmy how could you blow that lead!) Guapo hooked my testicles to a car battery and went "Gtmo" on my ass.

As electricity pumped through my body, ensuring that I will never have children or get an erection ever again, I tried to remember how I made my decent into the land of the degenerate gambler.

It all started with a friend of mine who will remain nameless. This so-called friend was a degenerate gambler himself, and oftentimes did his bookies "favors" to pay off his debts.

My friend came to me with a proposition.



The Stroller

"My man, you want to put some money on a few games this weekend," my friend said.

"Sure," I said. "What's five bucks here and there?"

The next thing I know, I'm selling my mom's Alzheimer's meds to put money on a Beer Pong game in my stepdad's basement. I'd sunk so low, I too was on my knees for Guapo ... praying to him to let me "work off my debt."

No amount of showering can get that feeling off your skin, but someday I may move out of the seventh circle of gambling hell and take up a respectable addiction ... like heroin.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

## MOVIE REVIEW

# 'Saw IV' oozes with tons of tacky torture

By Tara Adkins  
Features Editor

He still wants to play a game. He still wants to slice and dice, prod and poke until we all finally learn our life lesson. But this game has lasted too long.

Despite his death in the last film, Jigsaw lives on as the mastermind in "Saw IV." He miraculously had the time to devise clever schemes and rusty contraptions while on his deathbed. And he managed to record them all on countless tape recorders, which should make him the new spokesperson for Radio Shack.

I was one of the first in line to see this fourth installment of the franchise that twisted and turned my mind into utter shock. However, "Saw IV" created nothing but utter confusion.

The film starts with a bloody bang as Jigsaw lies dead on the autopsy table. A medical examiner peels back his bloody scalp, drills open his skull and digs around in gray matter for an uncomfortable 10 minutes.

But wait, there's more. Apparently this guy is searching for something as he cracks open Jigsaw's chest, swishes around in intestines and slices into his stomach only to find another cassette tape. This gory mess took place even before the movie title appeared.

So obviously Jigsaw is dead since he sat through his disgusting dissecting. However, he lives on through the torture traps he sets in his tapes.

The games have begun. Again.

## Crossword

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11. Bestowed upon
12. Let go of
13. Agrees
14. Ocean routes
15. Saint Laurent
16. Tactless
17. Printer's measures
18. "My country ... of thee."
19. Big lug
20. "Peter ..."
21. Take one's pick
22. Dump
23. Afternoon
24. Brie and gouda
25. Large group
26. Indian instruments
27. Turf
28. Pillowed
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## SHIRTLESS BEARCATS

### Warriors in paint

By Brian Johnson  
Missourian Reporter

It's game day at Northwest and a renegade group of shirtless, painted students are getting the student section pumped. Believe it or not, this is an official Northwest organization.

Donned in Apple Barrel paint, these painted warriors known as the Shirtless Bearcats, are a prime example of how dedicated Bearcat fans can be.

Since 2005, this group has been a prominent part of Northwest athletics by appearing at games with their shirts off and chests painted in support of the Bearcats. The group has appeared at nearly every football and basketball game since then.

"Our main goal is to get the fans excited at the games," senior Howie Ball said. "We want to promote a positive atmosphere at said events and act as ambassadors for Northwest."

The group's history goes back to the National Championship game in 2005. There, a group of male and female students decided to paint themselves to show support in the Bearcats' biggest game of the season. The following season, the ritual continued.

"We did nearly all the home games and the away games for men and women," senior Scarlet Casey said. "We also traveled to St. Joe and Kansas City for tournaments where the teams did well."

There is a very close bond between all the members of the group when they interact at games. All of them are very close, not just during games, but outside of them as well.

"We all hang out with each other all the time," Casey said. "We go out together, watch games on TV, and even room together."

The Shirtless Bearcats also remain very busy when it comes to games. They go to so many games that Casey likes to compare themselves to other college groups that are busy.

"We go to a lot of events together. Usually, two weeks," Casey said. "That makes it close like athletic teams or choirs."

The group has certainly grown in many ways since 2005.

"This past year, the rowdy Bearcats were recognized as an official group by Northwest. We have enough money while still being able to do the process for the group that we can do more."

It was exciting, but it was also a responsibility, Ball said. "We have to represent Northwest University, and we have to help get our name out there."

Shirtless Bearcats is a name to be taken literally. All of the guys are shirtless with letters painted on their chests. The women are also shirtless, but they wear sports bras. Senior Trudy Stensland was reluctant at first to wear such little clothing.

"At first I was nervous," Stensland said. "But after a while you don't even think about it because you have so much fun."

Like all college organizations, there are always expenses. In the Shirtless Bearcats' case, there are expenses in different things like away tickets, transportation and of course, paint. Casey urged anyone to help the group financially if they can through donations.

The group is also selling T-shirts for \$10 a piece in order to raise money. Anyone interested in a shirt should contact Stensland.

According to Casey, the group has received some help from the residence hall directors. Anyone interested in donating should know that they're an organized group.

"Since we are an official student organization, we can accept donations," Casey said. "People can rely on us because we always know who's going to be at a game a week in advance as well as painting designs."

Many students may not take a group whose main objectives are to cheer at a game with their shirts off and paint very seriously. Ball could care less. People should see how organized and committed they are, he said.

"When you put yourself out there like we do, everyone will have their own opinion," Ball said. "We just do what we do and have a good time doing it and people who appreciate that will join."

Support for the group has come from all sides. While it does come from other fans attending the games, it also comes from the athletes themselves. The feedback from some players have been positive and it has provided inspiration for many of them.

A lot of basketball players thank us," Stensland said. "They told us it gets them more pumped up and it helps get the fans on their feet."

One of the biggest moments in the group's short history was this Family Day. There was a lot of interest in participating with the group and it gave the group more exposure.

"We had 31 people painted for Family Day," Stensland said. "We were able to spell out 'Northwest Missouri State University.'"

The Shirtless Bearcats are always looking for new members. "If anyone is interested in showing support for Bearcat Athletics, the group is open to anyone who wants to join."

If you want to be part of the action, just shoot us your name and your S number and we will contact you," Ball said. "We are always excited for new members."

So many members, the Shirtless Bearcats will be everywhere every game. Their dedication to the Northwest Bearcats runs deep even if their paint only lasts a few hours.



(top) JARED KENDRICK. (bottom, left to right) B- Brad Whitsell, E- Jared Kendrick, A- Liz Whisler, R- Tyler Ryan (graduated), C- Curtis Dedman, A- Greg Hollenbeck (graduated), T- Brian Berry and S- David Meyer are the Shirtless Bearcats. The group has appeared at almost every football and basketball game since 2005. Last year, Northwest recognized the Shirtless Bearcats as an official campus organization.

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